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HOLIDAY GREETINGS



The year's end is traditionally a time to reflect on events that occurred during the year and to set goals for the upcoming year. It is also a very appropriate time to give thanks for experiences which have helped us learn and grow.

Tennessee agricultural producers were very fortunate in 2000 in many aspects, from not having drought conditions mirroring the previous year to seeing better livestock prices. The Tennessee agricultural community remains a strong and vital part of our nation's economy.

We at the Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) extend our sincere appreciation for your support of our programs. You have enabled us to provide critical, reliable data regarding crop, livestock, economic, pesticide, and other information vital to the agricultural community. Thank you for your continued support of our surveys, which are the foundation for the statistics we provide. We pledge to continue to provide you this service so that you can continue to make informed decisions based on current, accurate information.

The entire staff of TASS, along with our core of interviewers who contact agricultural producers throughout the year, wish you very happy, safe holidays. May all the joys of the season be yours.



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Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned(Excluding Linters) Prior to November 15, Crop Years 1997-2000

State	Running Bales Ginned			
	1997	1998	1999	2000
All Cotton				
AL	292,000	445,800	470,750	426,000
AZ	410,150	204,900	296,750	310,700
AR	1,322,400	1,153,400	1,345,450	1,435,100
CA	1,708,850	555,700	1,003,200	1,275,700
FL	56,950	54,450	71,700	64,900
GA	855,900	833,350	808,050	905,150
LA	971,150	643,500	899,200	893,650
MS	1,504,650	1,370,150	1,607,750	1,647,350
MO	473,050	332,750	444,400	478,400
NM	41,050	23,750	29,550	37,950
NC	411,250	771,300	297,250	687,600
OK	102,850	99,050	83,150	88,600
SC	210,050	271,850	148,000	232,550
Tennessee	531,400	512,500	557,950	679,300
TX	2,654,400	1,967,900	2,880,950	2,309,750
VA	54,650	125,450	61,450	73,500
US	11,600,750	9,365,800	11,005,550	11,546,200
Amer-Pima				
AZ ¹	25,700	5,050		
CA	204,600	95,150	159,400	140,850
NM ¹	4,850	650		
TX	25,200	8,250	15,400	11,950
US	260,350	109,100	183,250	158,800

¹ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in the U.S. totals.

Prices Received by Farmers: Tennessee and United States, November 2000, with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Tennessee			United States		
		November	October	November	November	October	November
		1999	2000 ¹	2000 ²	1999	2000 ¹	2000 ²
Dollars Per Unit							
Field Crops							
Winter Wheat	bu.	2.48	2.32	---	2.42	2.63	2.61
Corn	bu.	2.14	1.87	2.00	1.70	1.74	1.83
Cotton Lint	lb.	.429	.562	.569 ³	.443	.559	.582 ³
Cottonseed	ton	80.00	100.00	105.00	94.00	104.00	108.00
Soybeans	bu.	4.59	4.61	4.60	4.45	4.45	4.51
Livestock & Products							
All hogs	cwt.	31.20	39.60	---	33.40	41.40	35.90
Sows	cwt.	24.00	36.00	---	24.10	33.70	28.00
Barrow & gilts	cwt.	32.00	40.00	---	33.80	41.80	36.30
All beef cattle	cwt.	56.40	62.00	62.00	66.20	66.70	69.50
Steers/heifers	cwt.	74.00	80.00	80.00	70.90	70.50	74.30
Cows	cwt.	30.00	35.00	35.00	33.60	36.20	36.90
Calves	cwt.	83.00	90.00	94.00	93.00	102.00	106.00
All milk	cwt.	18.00	---	---	14.40	12.50	12.20
Fluid grade	cwt.	18.00	---	---	14.50	12.60	12.20
Manufacture grade	cwt.	9.30	---	---	11.10	10.80	10.10

¹ Entire month. ² Mid-month. ³ Based on purchases first half of month.

Tennessee Prices Received: Corn, Soybeans, by Month, for Marketing Years 1998-2000 ¹

Year	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan ²	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Dollars Per Bushel												
Corn												
1998-1999	1.96	2.20	2.48	2.28	2.28	2.36	2.58	2.51	2.38	2.31	2.65	1.94
1999-2000	1.83	1.90	2.14	2.20	2.12	1.92	2.29	2.32	2.33	2.22	2.09	1.65
Soybeans												
1998-1999	5.58	5.49	5.65	5.66	5.50	4.87	4.71	4.72	4.52	4.43	4.38	4.63
1999-2000	4.64	4.61	4.59	4.42	4.70	5.06	5.14	5.28	5.30	5.04	4.74	4.64

¹ Marketing year is September-August. ² Second year.

Hired Workers Down 3 Percent, Wage Rates Up 6 Percent From a Year Ago: There were 1.24 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of October 8-14, 2000, down 3 percent from a year ago. There were 952,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 285,000 workers. Migrant workers accounted for 11.9 percent of the October hired workforce compared to 12.3 percent last year.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$8.29 per hour during the October 2000 survey week, up 46 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$7.74 per hour, up 43 cents from last October. Livestock workers earned \$7.84 per hour compared with \$7.43 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock worker combined wage rate was up 43 cents from last year. Number of hours worked averaged 41.2 hours for hired workers during the survey week compared with 42.5 hours a year ago.

The 2000 annual averages for the Nation's self employed, unpaid, and hired workers were 1.57 million, 487,500 and 890,300, respectively. The self employed worker annual average is up 1 percent from a year ago. Unpaid and hired worker annual averages were down from last year at 1 and 4 percent, respectively.

The 2000 U.S. hired worker annual average wage rate was \$8.10, up 4 percent from the 1999 annual average wage rate of \$7.77. The Field and Livestock worker combined annual average wage rate was \$7.54, up 4 percent from last year's annual average wage rate of \$7.22.

Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by State and United States, during October 1999-2000

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Thousands				Number		
Alabama	3,568	2,981	10,608	10,178	1,961	1,975
Arkansas	4,917	5,122	15,340	14,874	1,949	1,997
Georgia	11,745	11,806	21,031	20,636	2,121	2,035
North Carolina	3,686	3,580	11,114	10,984	1,943	1,875
All Other States ²	237,404	241,607	267,179	270,473	2,231	2,212
United States	261,320	265,096	325,272	327,145	2,192	2,172

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. ² Tennessee included in other states.

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly: Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 180 million eggs during the week ending November 25, 2000. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 3 Percent: Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 25, 2000. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through November 25, 2000, were 6.76 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

People want to know...

How Does Your Garden **GROW ?**



Now is your opportunity to provide them with the **FACTS** about your Horticulture industry and growing practices. The USDA's Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) will be conducting these surveys in early 2001:

- ' Commercial Nursery Production Survey
- ' Commercial Floriculture Production Survey



These surveys will produce reliable, accurate floriculture and nursery statistics. If you are contacted, please take the time to respond. The information you provide is vital to the future of your industry. All information you give is completely **confidential** by law.

Debra K. Kenerson, State Statistician for the Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service, stated, "The nursery and floriculture industry has grown 121% nationwide from 1988 to 1998, and now totals over \$10 billion in sales per year. It is vital to record this growth so supporting industries and policymakers can provide necessary resources." In Tennessee, surveys will be mailed around the first of the year. Questions can be directed to Ms. Kenerson's office at 1-800-626-0987.